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OFFICE OF
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2015-000462

Dear Mr. English:

This letter responds to the clarification you sent by email on January 5, 2014, in reply to our December 23, 2014, response to the above-named Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your FOIA request sought documents pertaining to use of the "sentinel site method" in EPA Region 1. You clarified that items 1 and 2 in that request were intended to address the "sentinel" method itself, rather than any individual permitting decisions.

Our response to your clarified request on items 1 and 2 is as follows:

1. ***"The public notice in the federal register regarding the agency's intended use of the Sentinel Site Method for the purposes of selecting nutrient criteria and/or meeting dissolved oxygen criteria in estuarine waters."***

There are no records that are responsive to your request.

2. ***"Any Science Advisory Board review of this method (as applied by EPA Region 1) finding it scientifically defensible."***

There are no records that are responsive to your request.

The cost of providing this information is \$24.25. An itemized invoice covering the charges for processing your request is enclosed. Please forward your check or money order, made payable to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, within 30 days of the date of this response. Your check should refer to the FOIA Tracking number above and should be accompanied by the top portion of the enclosed Bill for Collection. Your prompt payment of the amount indicated will be appreciated. In a continued effort to streamline the FOIA process, EPA is now offering you the option of paying your FOIA bill on-line. There is no requirement for you to use the on-line system to pay your bill, but if you choose to do so please go to www.pay.gov and follow the simple instructions. Please be sure to have your FOIA tracking number available so that the payment can be applied to the correct charge.

You may appeal this no records response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



Deborah G. Nagle, Director
Water Permits Division